PROCLAMATION OF AMENDED RESTRICTIONS DURING THE CONTINUED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a continued public health emergency and state of emergency was declared on December 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there have been ten (10) total laboratory confirmed measles cases in the Territory with no current hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the mass vaccination campaign by the Department of Health continues to make progress in ensuring the public is vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat posed by the epidemic in the Pacific nations continues to pose a significant health risk to American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, the conditions for the public health emergency and state of emergency still exist in American Samoa as there continues to be vulnerable populations within the Territory at high risk for contracting measles; and

WHEREAS, the risk of travelers carrying the measles into the Territory remains a matter of high concern; and

WHEREAS, the Director of DOH and medical personnel from LBJ have made recommendations for amending certain restrictions put in place by the Declaration of Continued Public Health Emergency;

THEREFORE, I, Lolo M. Moliga, Governor of American Samoa, proclaim that the public health emergency and state of emergency continues in accordance with the Declaration from December 8, 2019, subject to the amended restrictions contained herein. This proclamation amends only certain restrictions and all those provisions not affected by these amendments shall remain until further notice.

Pursuant to A.S.C.A. 13.0307 and 26.0105, I further declare that EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

The restriction on public gatherings is hereby lifted;

All entry permits from the Independent State of Samoa will require a fifteen (15) day review period while those from other countries will be under review for thirty (30) days. Entry permit requests for those travelling through the United States or its Territories are excluded from this review period.
However, all entry permit requests, regardless of country of origin, must include documented proof of vaccination;

All ASG agencies tasked with protecting our borders and waters are to remain on high alert. All vessels entering ASG waters must continue to receive prior approval to navigate our waters. All restrictions at the airport and seaport for travelers and the public remain in effect.

All other unaffected provisions from the December 8, 2019 Declaration remain in full force and effect;

These amended restrictions, as well as all unaffected provisions referenced above, will run concurrent with the December 8 Declaration and may be extended upon consultation with DOH and LBJ. This proclamation shall also extend to the entire Territory of American Samoa, including all islands, ports, waters, and areas subject to the control of the American Samoa Government; Public inquiries regarding these amended restrictions should be directed to the EOC (699-3800 or 699-0412) and DOH (633-5871 and 633-5872) hotlines.

Dated: December 16, 2019

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LOLO M. MOLIGA
Governor